

## Religion and Social Movement

turned to perplexity by the more recent movement to establish Confucianism as the official state religion. According to reports of the leading denominations, the percentage of gain in church membership continues to keep a little ahead of the growth of population. The outlook appears encouraging for a new year of church activity.

Infactorily and Archdeacon Tyler duly entered the ranks of the Episcopate. He has a hard field and arduous work before him. It is understood that he does not begin his labors until some time in March, perhaps not until April. The good wishes of his brethren go with him.

the fashion of men-o'-war-men even to the present day.

Coins of this size were new to the people of that far-away country, for nothing ever reached it except a few English silver pieces, and England coined nothing so large as our dollar. As a result of this trading, the dollars were scattered all over the country. They were found in Egypt, and found their way ultimately into the hands of the little bands of wandering Bedouins making their home in the oasis of the Sahara.

"Some of the dollars consisting of genuine 1894 dollars, remembering that many spurious exist, was found hanging to an armlet of a desert chief of the Ghadames tribe, which makes its history in the oasis that bears its name. It had been found by the father to whom it is one of the prizes of the famous collection of the Banks Brothers, coin collectors of Boston. It cost the brothers over \$2,000 and was purchased by them forty odd years ago.

**Tread to Natives.**

"Coin collectors generally believe a dollar to be a dozen or so were traded to the African natives along the east coast and made by them into ornaments for personal adornment, much after the fashion of the Navajos and Pueblos of our own country. The natives, however, are thought to have been brought home the ditty bags of some homeward-bound men-o'-war-men and preserved as pocket pieces, gradually to be discovered and sold at fabulous prices. One collector, an enthusiast, "that this dollar should have been found in New Haven, Conn., for it is genuine, this is the second 1894 dollar the little City of Orange has unearthed."

"The first of the 1894 dollar known in the possession of a coin and stamp collector of New York, and occupies a place of honor next to the 'widow's mite' once owned by him. Dr. Funk, of the publishing house of Funk & Wagnall.

"This 1894 dollar was found in an old pewter rim, in the home of an old lady who lived at Savin Rock, a suburb of New Haven. She only recalled the name of her father, a whaling captain sailing from The Thimbles and Sackem's Head, just east of the college city, the former popularly known as the Island School. Capt. Kidd, had given him the name, telling her that his uncle, a bo'sun named, who had shipped under Commodore Perry in foreign seas, had brought the home to him. The lady had sold it for \$2,000. One has been here and there, 194 dollars have been picked up, until probably a dozen genuine ones are known to exist.

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popularly believed to have been the island home of Capt. Kidd, had given it to him, telling her that his uncle, a bo'sun's mate, who had shipped under Commodore Perry in foreign seas, had brought the home to him. The coin brought the little lady something over \$2,000. One by one, here and there, the dollars have been picked up, until probably a dozen genuine ones are known to exist.

"But that does not prevent probable several hundred ardent coin collectors throughout the country from proudly exclaiming that they are in possession of a genuine 1804 dollar, but they are spurious, for the coin has been several times more or less successfully counterfeited."